

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Tonita Gurulé-Girón

COUNCILORS: David G. Romero
Barbara A. Casey
Vincent Howell
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT: Ann Marie Gallegos, Interim City Manager
Danielle Sena, Recorder
Esther Garduno Montoya, City Attorney
Eric Padilla, Commander

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilor Romero asked for a moment of silence for all who have passed away and for guidance for the Governing Body to continue to do what is in the best interest of the community.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David G. Romero	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes

Recorder Danielle Sena re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Corinna Laszlo-Henry spoke about suggestions for staff and observations of where processes could be improved. Ms. Laszlo-Henry advised looking at the fourth quarter budget under lodgers tax and the funds being dedicated as two fifths for advertisements, and one fifth for infrastructure by City ordinance. Ms. Laszlo-Henry advised the budget line items are not broken down and don't see the oversight of how monies are being spent. Ms. Laszlo-Henry advised another observation was court fines going into the General fund and whether or not it was intentional, by ordinance 20-13 D, court fines are designated to the same purposes as the correction fund. Ms. Laszlo-Henry urged the Governing Body to be more transparent and that the Governing Body had a bound book but the agenda material has nothing and they have no record of what the Governing Body is looking at.

Larryssa Archuleta spoke about the processes taken on the abrupt stop to their project, which they do have a permit provided by the City. Ms. Archuleta advised she was not given anything in writing and was made aware of a meeting on July 29th. Ms. Archuleta advised when she went through the mail a letter was sent but was not to the attention to Maintenance Director or Superintendent of Las Vegas City schools and were not aware that the meeting took place. Ms. Archuleta advised in March when she turned in paperwork, they advised her they weren't sure when the planning and zoning committee would be meeting so she had no knowledge of when the meeting would have taken place because they would have been there. Ms. Archuleta advised as the Superintendent she does not miss meetings, that would be outside of her character to do that, and was not aware, a phone call or something of that nature would have been greatly appreciated. Ms. Archuleta advised she understands there have been concerns from the community, the gating and fencing helped beautify the community in the area.

Emilio Aragon requested placing three other trash cans along the Riverwalk. Mr. Aragon advised he was impressed with all the business that goes every meeting. Mr. Aragon advised when do they have time for all the negativity with the Optic and channel 4. Mr. Aragon stated, "Aren't you guys busy enough? We pay you for it." Mr. Aragon advised he wishes they could apply more of that energy toward running the City and quit putting it down. Mr. Aragon advised two months ago he came and brought up a problem of nineteen thousand dollars that was appropriated from the sale of his property, to date the representative from his district hasn't called him or made any effort. Mr. Aragon advised if they could get away from all the negativity then they can take care of the business at hand.

Lorenzo Flores addressed Councilor Howell and advised he believes its unethical and a conflict of interest to be working for the Franken Company and voting on contracts for them as a City Councilman. Mr. Flores advised Councilor Howell that he was concerned about the eighteen violations of HUD since he's concerned about finances and his name along with the other two Councilman. Mr. Flores advised Councilor Howell they lost the HUD program because of their failure to address those issues. Mr. Flores advised Councilor Howell as part of the Board for Alta Vista Hospital he never showed concern for the malpractice and the lack of medical treatment.

Mr. Flores addressed Councilor Casey and advised he had the West Las Vegas lawsuit. Mr. Flores advised just like she sued East Las Vegas and advised that it's obvious that she has a pattern of everywhere she goes she creates havoc and has no credibility.

Mr. Flores addressed Councilor Romero and advised his dishonesty and deceit deceives him before he took his position. Mr. Romero advised one issue concerning the Mayor is voter fraud, that he reported to the Attorney General before the election. Mr. Flores asked for him to explain to the community how he got the information that involved absentee ballots which are protected by law. Mr. Flores stated, "if you want to talk about hypocrisy, you should look at yourself." Mr. Flores advised another thing about him was as the chairman for the West Las Vegas School Board, "assisted a Superintendent to cover-up an FBI child pornography investigation that went on at the elementary schools." Mr. Flores stated, "before the three of you start pointing fingers and think you're all goody two shoes maybe you should look at yourselves in the mirror and see what you really are."

Mr. Flores stated, "you're nothing but a bunch of hypocrites and complaining about the Mayor not able to run the City, maybe the three of you should resign, or we will try our hardest next election to get the three of you out because we need honest and decent people sitting up there, not hypocrites or people who point fingers when yourselves have so much baggage and this is nothing compared to other stuff I know about you guys but since I only have a few minutes that will suffice for now, I'll see you guys again soon."

Cordia Sammeth stated, "some of my comments tonight are going to seem like old business because certain council members refused to pass the agenda at the last meeting." Ms. Sammeth spoke about obstructionism going on and are not solving problems in the City because they are too busy pointing fingers. Ms. Sammeth spoke about accomplishments that the Mayor has done for the City.

Ms. Sammeth stated, "she has completed the Storrie Lake project with the saving of eight million dollars, the renovation of the Bradner Reservoir to increase storage capacity for the City has been accomplished, the passage of a water conservation ordinance to exempt small personal food gardens from water restrictions for food security which is very important, the renovation of the Abe Montoya Recreation Center was completed and the water is in good shape because they completed a program for continuous waterflow which improves water quality for all and pressure for fire protection. Ms. Sammeth advised there have been a lot of things that have been accomplished.

Ms. Sammeth spoke about some actions against the Mayor from some of the City Council. Ms. Sammeth spoke about false accusations that haven't been proved and stated, "they are allegations." Ms. Sammeth advised some were proved false in the special audit at an expense to the City's taxpayers. Ms. Sammeth spoke about the tactics being a threat to their civil and human rights, the raid conducted on the Mayor's home was a disgrace and caused humiliation and fear against the Mayor and her family. Ms. Sammeth spoke about a bias report from the press and them being there to take pictures and put it out there. Ms. Sammeth stated, "the actions of the new editor for the resignation of the Mayor from unproven allegations by members of the Council." Ms. Sammeth spoke about harassment from the news channel and not respecting the Mayor's right to no comment and saw how they kept on harassing her.

Ms. Sammeth spoke about the intent to discredit another and use those kinds of tactics and stated, "it may not be the Mayor next time it may be you." Ms.

Sammeth advised the actions are scary and unacceptable in a democracy and stated, "you may not agree or like the Mayor but you have no right to assume guilt or harass her." Ms. Sammeth spoke about a dark cloud over Las Vegas due to the press and the people who want to see her removed and stated, "the real question I have is what is behind these tactics and why are they so desperate to remove the Mayor." Ms. Sammeth advised the Mayor is at the end of her term so why push the unjust behavior. Ms. Sammeth complimented the staff for keeping up with business under tremendous pressures.

Philip Marquez spoke about how the Robertson High School fencing project affects them and the mess. Mr. Marquez advised they aren't against the fencing but against them fencing the street. Mr. Marquez advised they get a certified letter about the meeting which the board from RHS did not show up to. Mr. Marquez advised it affects their parking and the flow of traffic. Mr. Marquez advised they weren't informed until that meeting about their street being blocked off. Mr. Marquez advised they went to the Planning and Zoning meeting and why the project was put on hold and the school has never met with any of the four residents that are affected. Mr. Marquez advised the communication was more the problem.

Dianne Lindsay thanked Mayor and staff for hanging in there and advised she thought the City was operating very well. Ms. Lindsay advised six weeks ago in the paper Councilor Howell said, "I'm ready to go, I'm ready to take over the reigns as Mayor" and Councilor Casey said, "she should resign." Ms. Lindsay advised no justice being done, no due process, no charges, no guilt but they are ready to take her out. Ms. Lindsay stated, "you stand and do the pledge of allegiance to the flag at every meeting and say justice for all except who our Mayor." Ms. Lindsay spoke about being bothered by bullies and stated, "I consider you bullies, would be attacking someone who is doing a really good job and who has come into office to clean up some of the corruption I believe." Ms. Lindsay advised the newspaper that is supposed to be local owned by a corporation from Kentucky and stated, "where the Senator McConnell who has nothing good to say about women, is that a coincidence that our Optic is connected to that State." Ms. Lindsay advised most of the news that happens about the administration is twisted. Ms. Lindsay stated, "I would really like to see the three of you resign for that very reason, for two years you have been obstructing and trying to remove someone, I don't believe that was the oath you took, I don't believe that was what you came here for or maybe you did."

Tammy Shutter spoke about her residence being right next door to the school bus depot parking lot. Ms. Shutter advised they were never informed by the school board that any kind of fencing was going to go up in the area or across the street. Ms. Shutter advised they did not receive the certified letter from the zoning board or from the school board. Ms. Shutter advised the only thing that told them what was going on was a sign posted on the fence at the City bus parking depot saying that the zoning meeting was on Monday July 29th. Ms. Shutter advised that was the only information they had on the subject. Ms. Shutter advised they had already started putting the fence up across the street before the zoning board met. Ms. Shutter advised at the meeting it was discussed that no further action would be taken until the school board went to the residents and informed them what was going on. Ms. Shutter advised the zoning board stated no further action shall be done on the construction until it is proven that it's not going to cause difficulty for any driving, parking or issues with the fire department because any large vehicle that goes down the street has to back out of the street. Ms. Shutter advised that is unsafe for their property and affects them when there are meetings, assemblies or any games, people line up to park on their street and sometimes block their driveways.

Timothy Grener advised Ms. Shutter spoke for him.

LouAnn Marquez advised Mr. Marquez spoke for her.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Resolution No. 19-42 for submittal of a section 5311 Grant Application for FY21 Federal Transit Funds.

Transportation Manager Darlene Arguello advised her and Transit Operations Supervisor Marcelino Roybal are there to present resolution no. 19-42 for submittal of a section 5311 Grant Application for FY21 Federal Transit Funds.

Transportation Manager Arguello advised the grant is a City match at the ratio of 80% State for administration and capital outlay expenses and 20% City match and for operating expenses its 50% State and 50% City match.

Transportation Manager Arguello advised in July they received their letter of awardment for the FY20 grant in the amount of two hundred sixty six thousand six hundred and nine dollars and seventy eight cents. Transportation Manager Arguello advised they are requesting their FY20 grant an estimated amount of five hundred and forty seven thousand three hundred and fifty and the reason for the expansion due to factoring higher salaries and anticipating increases.

Transportation Manager Arguello advised they are down two buses and plan to fix them but also get two small buses through capital outlay.

Discussion took place regarding the estimated costs for the two small buses, administrative costs, operating costs, capital outlay and their anticipated revenues.

Transportation Manager Arguello advised another increase they would have is the lease agreement with the copy machine. Transportation Manager Arguello advised one of their audit findings were the bus passes how they were being produced and were previously ordered in bulk and weren't pre-numbered. Transportation Manager Arguello advised they were going to try an in house production of the passes and that has been approved through the State to be in compliance.

Discussion took place regarding how many employees are at the Transportation Department, the 24-48 hour scheduling that is required, the price for a ride or a pass.

Transportation Manager Arguello advised upon her transfer to the Transportation Department in March there was an ongoing compliance audit review with twenty two findings with recommendations and thirteen of those items were addressed, corrected and approved. Transportation Manager Arguello advised nine items were left to address and since then have been addressed, corrected and approved with the exception of one item that's pending an ordinance governing passenger behavior.

Transportation Manager Arguello advised that ordinance was never put in place at the Transportation Department. Transportation Manager Arguello advised it has

been completed and reviewed by the City Attorney and with an ordinance there is a public hearing that needs to be held. Transportation Manager Arguello advised they have the notice of public hearing for intent to adopt the ordinance published on August 21st and September 4th with the public hearing being conducted at the September 18th council meeting.

Transportation Manager Arguello advised along with the ordinance they are submitting three resolutions for approval on policies that need to be officially put into place as per FTA rules and regulations. Transportation Manager Arguello advised the grant is due August 23rd.

Discussion and questions took place regarding costs regarding the budget, who does vehicle repairs and if the City could do certain maintenance.

Transportation Manager Arguello advised there is a clause that the State requires to be put into each maintenance contract to be compliant with State and Federal regulations.

Discussion and questions took place regarding what the training line item is used for, the benefits line item and the direct economic impact for San Miguel County regarding jobs, labor income, County tax, and the number of jobs it creates.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised to research the direct economic impact for San Miguel County regarding jobs, labor income, County tax, and the number of jobs it creates and advised she can not put it on consent because she has questions.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised if they put it on consent and she has questions, she will pull it from consent and to be prepared to respond.

2. Resolution No. 19-44 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP).

Grant Writer Robert Archuleta advised the ICIP is a working document that is worked on annually and is subject to change and can be amended. Grant Writer Archuleta advised last year there were twenty two projects and plan to submit twenty eight projects this year.

Grant Writer Archuleta advised he met with staff and management and went over all the projects and amounts. Grant Writer Archuleta advised some projects were deleted, some were reactivated and some were added.

Discussion took place regarding projects that had been removed due to completion, projects that remained in the top ten, and projects that were added or reactivated.

Interim Community Development Director Virginia Marrujo spoke about the Plaza Park electrical upgrade and how some are underground that pop up.

Grant Writer Archuleta advised the ranking recommendation from the City is to keep the same ranking as last year as far as the top ten.

Grant Writer Archuleta advised if the resolution is accepted towards adoption, he could get into the database and do the final ranking. Grant Writer Archuleta advised once the resolution is signed he could turn in the ICIP and meet the deadline by September 6th.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked Interim City Manager Gallegos if the Council would be going through the ranking process again.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised they recommend continuing with the same ranking that was done last year unless Mayor and Council would like to move up any projects.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised recommending Councilors not to respond immediately and to look at the list and can make recommendations at the next meeting.

Discussion took place regarding if a road that needs work comes up but the asset management plan is ready could it still be placed on the ICIP, continuing to add projects to the ICIP to meet the criteria and based on funding if it will tie into the feasibility study.

Councilor Howell asked to repeat what projects were added to the top ten and what was deleted.

Interim Community Development Director Marrujo advised anything that got funded was removed.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

3. Resolution # 19-43 to transfer vehicles to Luna Community College.

Commander Eric Padilla advised requesting approval of resolution # 19-43 to transfer vehicles to Luna Community College specifically to their automotive shop. Commander Padilla advised the three vehicles had been sitting in the parking lot for quite some time and through discussion with command staff at the Police Department they felt they were of no value to them. Commander Padilla advised it costs more to continue to repair them and are no longer safe for officers. Commander Padilla advised students who attend Luna Community College can rebuild them and have a learning experience.

Discussion took place regarding the types of vehicles that would be transferred.

Councilor Romero asked if it was Chief Bibbs idea to offer the vehicles or did Luna request them.

Commander Padilla advised they spoke with Luna and they sent a request for the vehicles.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

4. Out of State Travel - Lawrence, Indiana.

Commander Eric Padilla advised the training is critical and the registration and tuition is free of charge. Commander Padilla advised the University of New Mexico paid for boarding and airfare. Commander Padilla advised they are paying for meals and is going towards their newly certified reconstruction Investigator Caleb Marquez and along with Commander Pamela Sandoval who has already been certified as an accident reconstruction officer for the department. Commander Padilla advised the training is for pedestrian/bicycle crash investigations and their certification is more on automobile and the training would be an enhancement to try to make them experts in the field of accident reconstruction.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised the total cost for two officers was eight hundred ninety dollars and thirty six cents, training has been paid for and all the City pays for is travel.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Interim City Manager Ann Marie Gallegos advised there was no need for executive session.

Councilor Howell asked if Interim City Manager Gallegos asked for executive session.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised no she did not.

Councilor Howell advised he was going to ask to go into executive.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised they already made a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURN

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

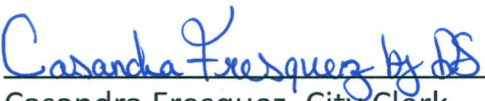
David G. Romero	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
Vincent Howell	No	Barbara Casey	Yes

Recorder Danielle Sena re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.



Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk